SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5230**

				7	5			6
						7	8	
	8		3	4	9	5		
						2	1	
		3						8
2		4			1	9		
	5	2		3		4		
		7	9					
			2	1	7	8		3

TRICKY **B5230**

	3						2	4
				6				8
9			5		7			6
						7		2
	8						9	
		2			3	1		
7			2				4	9
			1	4				
			9		6	2		

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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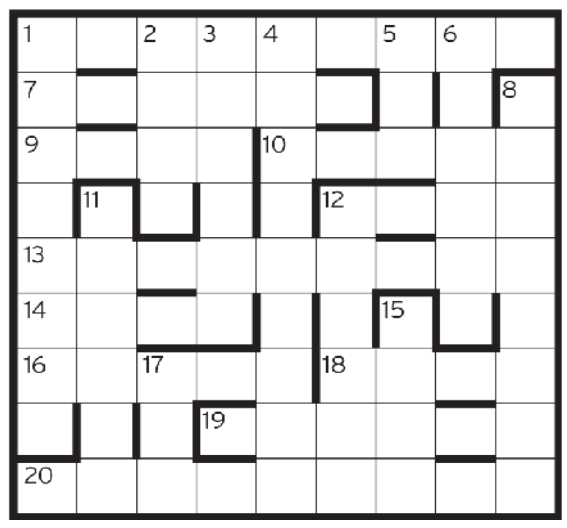
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

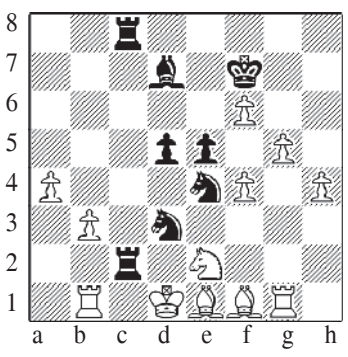
1 Bring to an end (9)
7 _ Paige, singer (6)
9 South African currency (4)
10 Circle of rope (5)
12 Travel document (4)
13 Recklessly bold or daring (9)
14 Quarry (4)
16 US state (5)
18 Body part (4)
19 Feeling regret (6)
20 Military truce (9)



DOWN

1 Freshwater turtle (8)
2 Status (4)
3 Noon (6)
4 Harmless (9)
5 Fuss or commotion (3)
6 Paper handkerchief (6)
8 Basil fee (anag.) (8)
11 Assassinate (6)
12 Flower (6)
15 Equipment for playing music (2-2)
17 Point a gun (3)

CHESS



BLACK MATES IN 2

HINT: DIVERT THE BISHOP.

Solution:
1. ... Rd2ch! 2. Bxd2 N(4)f2 mate! [Xu Sheng Jun-Zambo 1999].

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 16;

Very good 24;

Excellent 31 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

VENTURING

ennui enuring grunt gunner inure retuning rueing ruin ruing rune rung runt triune true trug truing tune tuner tung tuning turn turning unit unite uniter unrig untie urge urgent urine VENTURING vertu virtu virtue

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE

FRANCIS, THE TERM "MAKE YOUR MOVE" MEANS KISSING!
ARE YOU GONNA KISS GINA?
AT THE DANCE?
YES, AT THE DANCE!
WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
BECAUSE IT'S ROMANTIC, PINHEAD!
KISSING GINA IN A SCHOOL CAFETERIA IN FRONT OF 200 PEOPLE ISN'T ROMANTIC.
WELL, NOT WITH THAT ATTITUDE!
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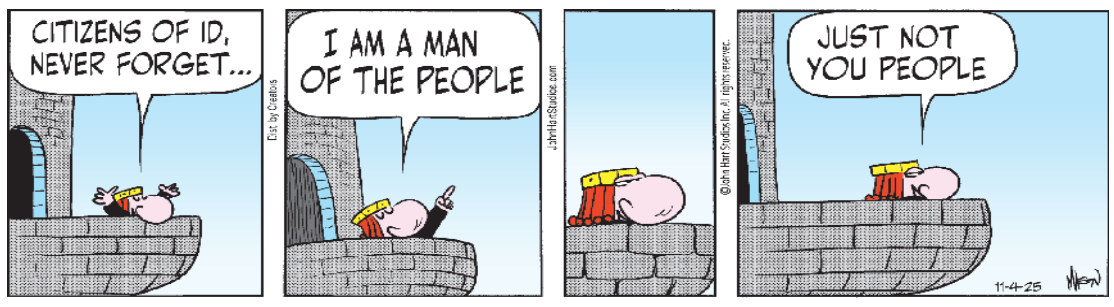
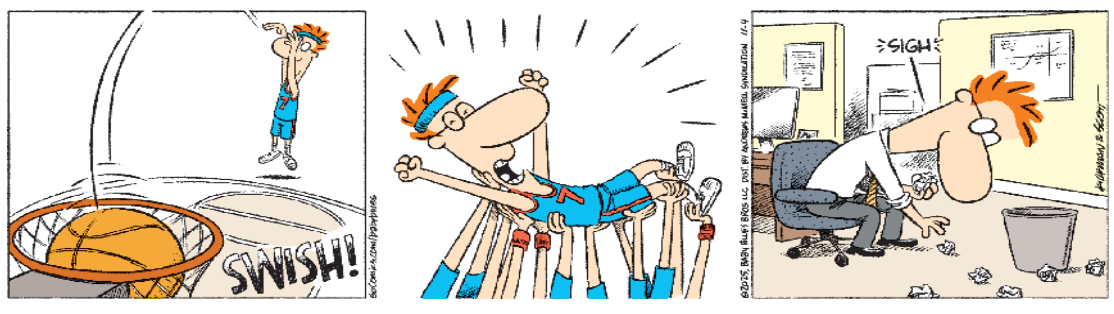
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:44pm	05:16pm	05:51pm	05:13pm	05:21pm	05:48pm
Sunrise	06:35am	06:26am	06:40am	06:19am	06:34am	06:44am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	16	30	Sunny	65	13	26	Sunny	13	27	Sunny
Hyderabad	17	36	Sunny	49	16	33	Sunny	15	33	Sunny
Islamabad	11	23	Th-Storms	51	11	24	Sunny	11	25	Sunny
Lahore	16	31	Mostly Sunny	55	14	27	Sunny	12	27	Sunny
Multan	16	30	Sunny	63	14	28	Sunny	14	28	Sunny
Peshawar	11	23	AM Showers	61	10	24	Sunny	10	24	Sunny
Quetta	3	17	Sunny	28	4	18	Sunny	4	19	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD
HONORIFIC

(HONORIFIC: on-or-IH-fik: Conferring or conveying esteem or recognition.)

Average mark 16 words
Time limit 30 minutes

Can you find 24 or more words in HONORIFIC?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — NOTABLY

nobly	bola
only	bolt
talon	bony
tonal	botany
tony	loan
ably	
alto	
atony	
baton	
blat	
bloat	
blot	
boat	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

Fortitude
Romans
Succeed
Gear
Uma
Cougars
Try
Thug
Feeling
Stayer
Leftovers.

DOWN

Frightful
Ooze
Taurus
Incognito
Ure
Deems
Endangers
Sat nav
Crepe
User
Elf.

METRO EVENTS

OPERA

An opera by Georgiana Costea Gluga is organised at Studio 2, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 7pm.

PLAY

Flirts, a play directed by Uzma Sabeen, is staged as part of the World Culture Festival at Auditorium 1, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 8pm.

EXHIBITIONS

An exhibition of artworks by Haya Zaidi opens at Sanat Initiative Gallery at 5pm. Titled *Becoming*, the show will continue till Nov 13.

When The Sky Was Mine, an exhibition of artworks by Mohsin Shaikh, opens at Art Scene Gallery, at 6pm. The show will continue till Nov 11.

WORKSHOPS

A workshop on 'Rabies Prevention (Dog Bite Management)' at PDC Hall, Dow International Medical College, Ojha campus, at 10am.

As part of the World Culture Festival, a theatre workshop by University of Diyala, Iraq, is held at Studio 3, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 12pm.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

*** Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is an accident-prone day for you. Strong, rebellious feelings, especially about politics, religion and racial issues, will excite you. You will identify with your ideals and be prepared to fight for them. Tonight: Money issues.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

** Money, finances and wealth easily come to you, plus, these areas interest you. Today you might find yourself at odds with someone about issues related to shared wealth, shared property, debt and inheritances, which means you might have to defend your best interests. Tonight: You win!

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** Today fiery Mars is opposite your sign, while at the same time opposing unpredictable Uranus in your sign. This is an explosive combination! Tread carefully. You might act impulsively, or you might attract someone else who is acting impulsively. Be cautious and protect yourself. Tonight: Be friendly.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

** In one way, you're in a fun-loving, playful frame of mind, which will help you enjoy movies, sports events and fun outings. However, work-related issues are explosive and full of potential conflict. Guard against work-related accidents. Don't do anything you will later regret. Tonight: You're noticed.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

*** Parents should know that this is an accident-prone day for their kids. Be vigilant! Meanwhile, pleasure outings, social occasions and recreational activities (including sports) will be subject to sudden reversals, cancellations and unexpected changes. Be ready for anything. Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

** You are clever and alert today. Be aware that your home routine might suddenly change. Small appliances might break down; a minor breakage could occur, or someone unexpected could appear at your door. Meanwhile, you feel you want to escape or get a change of scenery. Tonight: Check finances.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

*** Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is an accident-prone day for you. Think twice before you act or speak. You might trigger an unexpected event. A desire to break free from restrictions is strong. Nevertheless, be cool to protect your own best interests. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

*** Keep an eye on your possessions, money and assets today. Something unexpected could impact them. Guard what you own against loss, theft or damage. This could be minor -- or major. Fortunately, with the Sun in your sign you are empowered. Act wisely. Tonight: Get organized.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

**** Today fiery Mars moves into your sign, which will boost your energy for the next six weeks. This will make you assertive and more of a fighter for your own rights, as well as the rights of others. Today, however, Mars opposes unpredictable Uranus, creating impulsive, impatient encounters with others. Stay chill. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

** This is a restless day. Although this is a popular time, today some kind of energy that is taking place behind the scenes will make you nervous, impulsive and unsure about what to do. Seek out some pleasant alternatives. Socialize with someone, especially a romantic interest. Talk to a friend. Tonight: Cocoon.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** This is a tricky day! You might come on too aggressively with a friend or a group. Don't do anything that you might later regret. Having said this, you will identify with collaborative efforts to fight for what you believe and resist oppression. "To the gates!" Tonight: Discussions.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

** Your ambition is aroused today. For some reason, this might create a situation where you will defy authority -- which could be the authority of your parents, a boss, or the government. Be careful to act with wisdom and responsibility. Tonight: Maintain your possessions.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

The better way

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 7 6
♥ A 4 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ J 9 7 5

WEST
♠ J
♥ K Q J 9 7
♦ 9 8 6 2
♣ K Q 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 3 2
♥ 10 6 5
♦ 7 3
♣ 10 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 8 5 4
♥ 8 3
♦ A K J 5
♣ A 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead -- king of hearts.

Safety plays come in all shapes and sizes, and are necessary in many deals. Sometimes, though, declarer must not get so carried away with guarding against an unfavorable division that he winds up more sorry than safe.

Take this case where South was in four spades and West led the king of hearts. Declarer won with dummy's ace and, intent on guarding against a 4-1 trump division -- the only real threat to his contract -- led the nine of spades and let it ride after East followed low. West won with the jack, cashed the heart queen and continued with the jack. Declarer ruffed and mulled over how to handle the remaining trumps.

One possibility was to cross to dummy with a diamond, lead a trump and repeat the finesse. This would succeed if East had all the remaining spades but would lose if West had started with two or three spades including a second honor card. In that case, South would lose two spades, a heart and a club for down one.

South decided that the remaining spades were much more likely to be divided 2-1 than 3-0, so he cashed the ace. When West showed out, declarer had to lose a second trump trick, and he finished down one.

South had the right idea about protecting against a 4-1 trump break, but he went about it the wrong way. A superior approach is to cash the spade ace first and then lead a low spade to dummy's nine. In the actual deal, East wins with the ten, but declarer later picks up East's queen via a finesse.

The suggested play has more to recommend it than the obvious advantage of averting a guess on the second round of trump. It is also the correct play mathematically. Cashing the ace first guards against West's having started with the singleton ten, jack or queen, while the first-round finesse wins only when West started with the singleton two or three. The odds are therefore 3-to-2 in favor of playing the ace first.

Tomorrow: Resist that impulse.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5229

9	3	7	6	1	5	4	2	8
4	5	1	2	8	7	3	9	6
2	6	8	4	3	9	5	1	7
8	7	9	5	4	3	2	6	1
3	1	4	9	2	6	8	7	5
5	2	6	1	7	8	9	3	4
7	4	3	8	9	1	6	5	2
1	8	5	3	6	2	7	4	9
6	9	2	7	5	4	1	8	3

Tricky — B5229

2	8	6	5	7	3	1	4	9
9	5	4	1	6	2	8	3	7
3	7	1	8	4	9	2	6	5
5	3	9	6	2	7	4	8	1
6	1	8	3	5	4	7	9	2
4	2	7	9	1	8	6	5	3
8	6	5	7	9	1	3	2	4
1	4	3	2	8	5	9	7	6
7	9	2	4	3	6	5	1	8